



# City of Seattle

Seattle Police Department

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February 28, 2013

Alan Rathbun, Director  
Licensing & Regulation Division  
Washington State Liquor Control Board  
P.O. Box 43098  
Olympia, WA 98504-3098

Re: Library Sports Grill LLC  
d/b/a Library Sports Grill  
License #354009-2B  
722 NE 45<sup>th</sup> Street  
Seattle, WA 98105

Dear Mr. Rathbun:

I am writing this letter in support of the Seattle Police Department's objection to the liquor license application of Library Sports Grill LLC and Daniel Yarbrough. I have been a Seattle Police Officer for 18 years and my current assignment is with the North Precinct's Community Police Team. For the past two years I have coordinated the North Precinct's nightlife initiative which consists of making contact with bars and clubs in the area, building relationships, and providing a forum to discuss issues. To date I have been successful in this role and have established a good rapport with local owners and staff. Unfortunately, this is not the case with Fusion. Last year I met with Daniel Yarbrough, the current manager, and stressed the need to communicate regularly due to the club's high call volume. This is yet to happen. Despite the continued 911 calls out to Fusion, no relationship has been formed, and the attitude of the owners, manager and staff displays a clear disinterest in doing so.

As a result of Fusion's refusal to partner with law enforcement it has become a large drain on the Seattle Police Department's resources. Several times a month the North Precinct will run a nightlife emphasis on Friday and Saturday nights to assist and monitor areas saturated with bars and restaurants. Generally, six officers are assigned to this extra shift, paired off and assigned to cover our three nightlife areas: Ballard, Fremont and the University District. Despite the expanse of the University District no club requires attention like Fusion. Inevitably, two officers end up there for most of the shift. More often than not, back-up officers are called to assist as the crowd becomes unruly, and fights break out.

One of the biggest frustrations officers' confront with the club is Fusion's lack of responsibility for patrons once they exit. As patrons leave the club, assaults, thefts



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and shootings have become common in the street and in the parking lot across the way. Recently, officers were forced to stop traffic on the arterial in front of Fusion to corral patrons, break up several fights and safely secure the area. This occurred as club security looked on. At times the security staff appears overwhelmed and disinterested.

This attitude, coupled with an increase in violence and lack of cooperation with police has made Fusion a dangerous venue. Currently, there is no other club in the North Precinct that demands the resources of the police department like Fusion.

It's my opinion that if Daniel Yarbrough gains ownership of the club, the situation and its impact on the Seattle Police Department will only worsen. Thank you for your thoughtful and careful consideration of this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Loren Street', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Loren Street, Community Police Team Officer  
Seattle Police Department, North Precinct  
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